

TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2012 Revised 9/12/12

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were, Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista, and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Young to approve minutes submitted for the July 18, 2012 meeting. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

For correspondence, C'man Farrington received some emails concerning the frequent accidents on the corner of Co. Rt. 62 and Co. Rt. 66 and they asked if the Town could do anything to prevent them. The Board agreed that there is sufficient signage at this intersection and if drivers would stop at the stop signs it would prevent many of these accidents.

The Supervisor's Report was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Month of July, Total receipts \$232,538.52, Total disbursements \$385,290.84, Total checking account balance \$83,289.61, Total investments \$951,904.34.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2nd by C'man Battista to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution #12-30 to approve budget transfers (attached). All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract #8, vouchers #444-495 was presented: General Fund A #13,833.04, General Fund B \$1,227.60, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$23.94, Highway Fund A \$61,123.52, Highway Fund B \$108,981.08, Water District 2 \$3,794.49, Water District 1 \$541.81, Water District 4 \$446.46, Water District 3 \$763.27, Abstract Total \$190,735.21.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2nd by C'man Battista to accept and pay bills in abstract #8, vouchers #444-495. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that he met with the Economic Development Committee and they discussed paying the Economic Development Director as a contractor instead of paying him through the Chamber as originally planned. He attended the Water Committee meeting and the water law and EDU disbursements were discussed & gave Dist 5 update

C'man Young reported that Hay Memorial Library's Board met but he was unable to attend.

C'man Battista reported that he attended the Fire Dept meeting last night, there were 32 ambulance calls and 20 fire calls answered and a discussion was held on safety when driving to calls. He reported that two ambulances will be posted in the Town during the 1812 race and there are numerous training classes scheduled every week. The FD has purchased new quick set up and release connects for hydrants and have placed them on Main Street. C'man Battista asked the Bernier, Carr representative why the hydrants on Rt. 180, Water District 5, have been installed so far back from the road and the answer was that they had to be installed outside the DOT right of way. The FD also discussed that there are several barns in the Town that are in danger of collapsing.

C'man Farrington wanted to thank everyone who planned or sponsored the Soap Box Derby that was held on Can Am weekend.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for July. He also reported to the Board that the Village has asked the Town Highway Dept. to help with labor and equipment on the construction of the Bicentennial walking trail as they are about \$7,000 short for materials. This needs approval from both the Town Board and Village Board. The Village Board meeting is next week.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for the month of July. She also reported that she attended a Water Committee meeting.

Marlene Lennox gave a Zoning Report and she added that in regard to the old barn issue that was brought up, the Fire Department used to have controlled burns with them for training of firefighters but the laws have changed and that practice is no longer possible.

Corey Reed of Bernier, Carr was present to report on Water District 5 progress and attorney Dave Renzi reported that there is a problem with the DEC Water Supply Permit application for Water Dist. 5 and EFC will not release grant funds yet. A discussion was held on how to handle this. The Town may be able to take out a short term B.A.N.

Bev Sterling Affinati, Anne Davis and Warren Allen were present to give an update of work taking place in Muskalonge Cemetery by the friends group. Seven trees in the cemetery have been tagged to come down and the only quote on the removal of these trees came in at \$1150. Since the Muskalonge Cemetery has \$885 in the fund, Bev asked if the Town could help with the remainder of the cost. Mrs. Davis asked if the Town could install bases for military markers that have been ordered. C'man Battista suggested that Bev get a few more quotes for the trees and the Highway Supt. will also look at them.

A motion was made by C'man Battista and 2nd by C'man Lee for Resolution 12-31, adopting a Violence in the Workplace Policy with the two contact persons being Bruce Alcombrack and Diane Nier. In a roll call vote, all Board members voted yes and the motion was carried.

For New Business, Supervisor Scee reported that the Town received a bill from Schwerzmann & Wise for \$54,000 in reference to representation in a law suite appeal brought by Town of Henderson that took place in September and October of 2011 for Galloo Island Wind Farm. The developer for this project is actually responsible for this bill. Supervisor Scee has asked Attorney Renzi to draft a letter to Schwerzmann & Wise asking how much UpState Power owes them for representation up to August 1, 2012.

Supervisor Scee also reported that the letter he sent to Attorney Dennis Whelpley asking that the Town's files be returned by August 31, 2012 has not been answered.

Supervisor Scee commented that the 1812 run and ½ marathon planned for September 1st and 2nd is very well coordinated but he urged the community to support the runners by coming out to watch and cheer them on.

C'man Farrington commented on the need for reflective signage for the Highway Dept. to work on roads and water lines after dark and the Highway Superintendent replied that he has ordered appropriate signage that will be seen in the dark.

The floor was opened for comments and Sharry Rogers spoke about the great work ethic of Water Operator, Jeff Kenney and others that repaired the water main leak near her house on CanAm weekend. She also asked why the Economic Development Director is not present at all Town Board meetings to give a report.

The Highway Superintendent reported that some Village DPW workers helped with one of the water main leaks and thanks go to them as well.

A motion was made by C'man Young and 2nd by C'man Farrington to go into executive session to discuss union negotiations. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Board returned at 8:27 PM and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION # 12-30 FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
Town Board – Contractual Exp.	A1010.4	200	
Central Printing & Mailing – Contractual	A1670.4	500	
Unallocated Insurance – Contractual	A1910.4	1,000	
Tax Assessment Property – Contractual	A1950.4	391	
Publicity/Chamber/Foundation	A6410.41	300	
Publicity-Economic Director	A6410.43	8,750	
Celebrations – Fireworks w/Village	A7550.4	2,500	
Muskalonge Cemetery – Contractual	A8810.4	885	
Contingent Acct.-Special Items	A1990.4		14,491
REVENUE- Muskalonge Cem. Donation	A2195		35

To record budget transfers for General Fund – Townwide for a total of \$14,526

Cemetery – Equipment	CM8810.2	810	
Cemetery – Unemployment Ins.	CM9050.8		810

To record budget transfers for Lakeside Cemetery for \$810.

Machinery – Equipment	DA5130.2	24,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance	DA599		24,000

To record budget transfers for Highway Fund – Townwide for \$24,000.

Water District #2 – Supply – City of Wat.	F8320.45	1,000	
Water District #2 – Source Supply Water	F8320.2		1,000

To record budget transfers for Water District #2 Fund for a total of \$1,000.

Water District #5 – Capital Construction	HA8397.2	10,050	
Water District #5 – BAN-Principal	HA9730.6	600,000	
Water District #5- BAN – Interest	HA9730.7	9,000	
REVENUE Water District #5- NYSEFC	HA3991		579,200
Appropriated Fund Balance	HA599		39,850

To record budget transfers for Water District #5 Capital for a total of \$619,050.

